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STATE FOR VANCE, S/PRS, PA; DEPARTMENT PASS NSC FOR DR.
BRZEZINSKI, USIA FOR J. THURBER IOP/G, WHITE HOUSE FOR
MR. POWELL AND MR. SCHECHTER; AMEMBASSY BANGKOK FOR DEPUTY
SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TRANSCRIPT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY'S REMARKS

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1. HERewith TRANSCRIPT OF TOAST BY DEPUTY SECRETARY AT
LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE
IN NEW DELHI ON JULY 23:

2. (BEGIN QUOTE) THANK YOU, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER.
HONORED GUESTS, GENTLEMEN: LET ME FIRST, MR. FOREIGN
MINISTER, COMPLIMENT YOU ON YOUR VERY ELOQUENT AND WARM
REMARKS. I FEEL WELCOMED INDEED BY WHAT YOU'VE SAID,
AND IT MAKES ME DOUBLY REGRETFUL THAT MY STAY IS GOING
TO BE SUCH A SHORT ONE, BUT PLEASED THAT I HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO COME AT ALL.

3. I FEEL HONORED TO COME HERE TO INDIA ON A HISTORIC MOMENT
IN YOUR HISTORY, AS YOUR NEW GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF
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TAKING HOLD AND EXERCISING ITS FULL POWERS. AS PRESIDENT CARTER
SAID AT HIS NOTRE DAME SPEECH, INDIA HAS BEEN ONE OF
"DEMOCRACY'S GREAT RECENT SUCCESSES" -- ONE OF THE EXAMPLES
THAT ALL THE WORLD IS GRATEFUL AND FULL OF ADMIRATION FOR.
AND SO I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE TO BRING YOU MY PERSONAL
CONGRATULATIONS ON HAVING SHOWN THE WORLD AS A WHOLE HOW A
GREAT DEMOCRACY -- ONE OF THE REALLY GREAT DEMOCRACIES

OF THE ENTIRE GLOBE -- FUNCTIONS AT ITS VERY BEST.

4. MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, WE ARE IN A PERIOD OF ENHANCED AND DEEPENING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. LETTERS HAVE BEEN GOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN YOUR PRIME MINISTER AND OUR PRESIDENT, A CORRESPONDENCE WHICH HAS MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO PRESIDENT CARTER. AS AMBASSADOR GOHEEN KNOWS WELL, THESE ARE NOT LETTERS WRITTEN BY SOME STAFF ASSISTANT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER -- THESE ARE HIS OWN MOTIVATIONS, HIS OWN WORDS, HIS OWN EXPRESSIONS. AND HE TAKES PARTICULAR DELIGHT AND PLEASURE IN THE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE THAT HE HAS HAD WITH PRIME MINISTER DESAI. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE THESE DEEPENED AND ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS OVER THE NEXT MONTHS. SARJ Y SECRETARY VANCE WILL BE HERE LATER THIS FALL TO ADD TO THIS COMMUNICATION.

5. I LOOK FORWARD WITH ENORMOUS ANTICIPATION TO THE DAY WHEN YOUR PRIME MINISTER AND OUR PRESIDENT CAN SIT DOWN TOGETHER ACROSS THE TABLE, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH I KNOW THEY INSTINCTIVELY HONOR AND TRUST EACH OTHER, WHEN THEY CAN LOOK IN EACH OTHER'S EYES AND EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS IN THE QUIET AND SINCERE WAY THAT BOTH OF THEM HAVE, THERE WILL BE A NEW LEVEL OF TRUST AND COMPREHENSION. AND FOR MY SMALL PART I AM DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO ADD TO THIS DEEPENED COMMUNICATION AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE LEADERS OF YOUR COUNTRY.

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6. I AM ONLY BEGINNING THE DISCUSSIONS HERE, AND I AM FULL OF ADMIRATION FOR THE THRUST OF YOUR FOREIGN POLICY TO WHICH YOU HAVE REFERRED, A CONSTRUCTIVE AND MODERATE NON-ALIGNMENT. I HEARD THIS MORNING A PHRASE THAT I LIKED A GREAT DEAL, "CONTINUITY WITH FRESHNESS," WHICH IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING TO ASPIRE TO, AND I KNOW THAT THE WORLD CAN EXPECT BOTH OF THOSE OF YOU.

7. AS WE VIEW INDIA IN ITS PLACE IN ASIA, IN ITS PLACE IN THE WORLD, OUR ADMINISTRATION WILL LOOK TO INDIA AS THE LEADER OF SOUTH ASIA. WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL USE YOUR INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER RESOURCES TO PROVIDE BOTH AN EXAMPLE AND STRENGTH FOR THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, AND INDEED PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE AND STRENGTH FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD AS A WHOLE.

8. MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE MANY THINGS IN COMMON, BUT PERHAPS WHAT WE SHARE MOST OF ALL IS A RESPECT, INDEED I WOULD SAY A REVERENCE, FOR THE UNDERLYING MORAL VALUES. THIS THEME COMES FROM THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRIES, THE WAY WE ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE, THE LEADERS THAT WE HAD AT THE TIME OF

INDEPENDENCE. NEITHER OF US WILL BE DISCOURAGED OR IN
ANY WAY DRAW BACK FROM THESE MORAL VALUES. NEITHER THE
SOPHISTICATES NOR THE CYNICS WILL EVER DETER US FROM
MAKING THESE MORAL VALUES A CENTRAL PART OF OUR FOREIGN
POLICY. WE'LL RELY ON THEM TO GIVE US MOTIVATION AND
ENERGY TO CARRY FORWARD IN TRYING TO HAVE A PEACEFUL
LIFE AND A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS. SO IN
THAT VEIN, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, I DRINK TO YOU, YOUR
COLLEAGUES, AND TO INDIA. (END QUOTE)
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